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SONGBIRD SHOOTDOWN OF ONE NVAF MIG-21 AND AN ALLIED ACFT IN AIR BATTLE OVER

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BETWEEN 0415 AND 0439Z, 28 DEC 72, TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG-21'S (PBS 082, 098) WERE NOTED AIRBORNE IN REACTION TO ALLIED AIR STRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM. BOTH ACFT WERE INITIALLY NOTED ON A HEADING OF 150 DEGS AT 0419Z. AT 0420Z, THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER TOLD THE ACFT THE HAC'S WERE ON THE LEFT SIDE 50 DEGS 30 KMS. AT THIS TIME BOTH ACFT DROPPED AUX FUEL TANKS AND OPEN BOOSTERS AT 0421Z, PBS 082 REPORTED ATTACKING THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE GCI CONTROLLER THEN INFORMED THE ACFT TO PAY ATTENTION, AND BREAKAWAY TO THE RIGHT SIDE AND GO TO A HEADING OF 320 DEGS. AT 0422Z, THE MIG TOLD HIS WINGMAN TO \$PAY ATTENTION, HE'S BURST INTO FLAMES THERE\$. PBS 082 THEN INSTRUCTED HIS WINGMAN TO \$PAY ATTENTION, THERE'S SOMEONE FOLLOWING YOU THERE\$. AT 0424Z, GCI CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED PBS 098 TO GO TO 290 DEGS. NO FURTHER TRANSMISSIONS FROM PBS 098 WERE BOTTED ALTHOUGH HE WAS CALLED NUMEROUS TIMES BY THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER, NR 1 CONTROLLER, NR 5 CONTROLLER, SR GCI CONTROLLER AND PBS 082 BETWEEN 0425 AND 0431Z. PBS 082 WAS LATEST NOTED LANDING AT PHUC YEN AFLD AT 0433Z. COMMENTS, COLLATERAL INFORMATION THIS DATE INDICATES ONE U. S. NAVY ACFT (RA5C) WAS POSSIBLE SHOT DOWN DURING THIS TIME FRAME. XXHH 316 02493 NNNH

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